

In the Claims:

a1 ^{sub 1} 1. (Once Amended). A collection pouch for collecting matter excreted from a human body, the pouch having a base and an enclosed volume adapted to collect solid human waste, comprising a carrier, which comprises or carries at least one malodour counteractant, said carrier being fixedly attached directly or indirectly to a wall of the pouch and away from the base of the pouch.

2. (Once Amended). A pouch according to claim 1 wherein the malodour counteractant is a coating on part, or all, of a surface of the carrier.

a2 ^{sub 3} 10. (Once Amended). A pouch according to claim 9 wherein the absorbent pad is a composite comprising one or more of the following:

(i) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) sodium polyacrylate, glycerol, water, and (3) tissue paper;

(ii) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) viscose and super-absorbent fibres, and (3) tissue paper;

(iii) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) viscose and super-absorbent fibres; and

(iv) polyvinyl alcohol fibres and super-absorbent fibres.

18. (Once Amended). A collection pouch having an enclosed volume adapted for collecting solid matter excreted from the body, the pouch comprising or containing a hydrogen peroxide generator.

a3 ^{sub 5} 19. (Once Amended). A pouch according to claim 18 wherein the generator is effective in reducing the odor, as smelled by the user, of excreted bodily fluid.

20. (Once Amended). A collection pouch having an enclosed volume adapted for collecting solid matter excreted from the body, the pouch comprising or containing sodium perborate.

21. (Once Amended). A pouch according to claim 20 wherein the sodium perborate is effective in reducing the odor, as smelled by the user, of excreted bodily fluid.

22. (Once Amended). A method for use in the production of a collection pouch for collecting matter excreted by the body, the pouch having a base and an enclosed volume adapted to collect solid human waste, comprising attaching directly or indirectly, (a) a carrier carrying a malodour counteractant to (b) a plastic material that forms, or will form after further production

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steps, a pouch wall, wherein the carrier is attached to the material at a point adapted to be away from the base.

23. (Once Amended). A method comprising adding to, or including in, a pouch having an enclosed volume adapted for collecting solid matter excreted by the body, a hydrogen peroxide generator.